

LETTER'S LONG TRAVEL.

Bankers Amuse Themselves for 27 Years with International Mail Service.

A letter has been passing for 27 years between Edward L. McKee, vice president of the Indiana National bank at Indianapolis, and W. B. Fenton, vice president of the National Bank of the Republic, of Chicago. McKee received it the other day from Manila. McKee and Fenton were reared together at Madison, Ind. Both came to Indianapolis.

Fenton, in 1873, walked into a shoe store at Indianapolis where McKee was a clerk, and started to tell the gossip of his native town. McKee laughingly said he had no time to listen. Fenton wrote him a letter of one sentence and mailed it. It said: "Friedersdorf is building a handsome new house." McKee received the letter the next day and mailed it back. It passed back and forth, for weeks.

From Chicago Fenton mailed it to "E. L. McKee, Bombay," with instructions to "return to E. L. McKee, Indianapolis, if not delivered."

It has been sent to "W. B. Fenton, Cape Town," and to "W. B. Fenton, St. Petersburg," to be finally delivered to Fenton in Chicago. It has been around the world several times. Since the letter first started neither has ever mentioned it to the other.

SKIPPER'S WIFE SAVES CREW.

Men on Ship Give Up Battle with the Waves, But, Encouraged by Woman, Work Until Rescued.

Capt. John Kelsey and nine seamen of the big New Haven (Conn.) schooner, W. Wallace Ward, owe their lives to the bravery of the skipper's wife. For five weary days and nights the men had battled with waves that almost wrecked their vessel. Worn out with loss of sleep and food, the pumps choked, the cargo listed, and the rigging torn, the men were in despair.

"Cap, we give it up," said the stoutest of the lot. "It's no use; we're done for."

Then Mrs. Kelsey rushed out of the battered cabin. Waving a hand to the men, she cried:

"For God's sake, stick to the pumps. Help will surely come. I know you're not cowards. Come on, now."

She went to work herself and her example gave the men new life. They sprang to the pumps and worked with superhuman energy, but even this was unavailing, and the Ward was settling when the Norwegian ship Thelma came in sight and rescued the crew, landing them at Philadelphia.

MOTHER TIES WEDDING KNOT.

Mrs. Heussmann, Woman Franchiser, Performs Marriage Ceremony of Her Daughter at San Francisco.

Rev. Mrs. Kate Heussmann, of San Francisco, performed the marriage ceremony uniting her daughter, Mary Violet Heussmann, to Felix Drapinski.

"You," she said, addressing them, "are united in the holy bonds of matrimony, promising to love, honor, cherish and esteem each other, knowing that all your actions in life are witnessed by those near and dear, who are with you in the spirit."

This is the first wedding in California where a mother performed the ceremony and her daughter was the bride. Mrs. Heussmann is an ordained minister under a state charter issued to the Independent Bible society, of which she is a missionary. As there is some doubt as to the legality of the wedding a civil ceremony will be performed.

RURAL DELIVERY FAVORED.

Has Gained Complete Regard of the Man in the Country—Advantage It Is to Him.

"I am heartily in favor of the rural free delivery system," said Representative Landis, of Indiana, "and the people of my district are delighted with it. In the territory represented by me there are more rural delivery routes than in any other congressional district in the country, and my constituents are so well pleased with it that if the government should decide to abolish the system they would pay for its maintenance out of their own pockets."

It enables them to have letters and newspapers delivered at their door every morning in the year, and in this way the system is not only a great educator, but it helps to enlarge the circulation of the newspapers and is of assistance in a business way to the farmers. It brings them in touch with the government to some extent.

"The expenditures of the government aggregate more than \$600,000,000 annually, and the farmers naturally ask themselves the question where they derive any benefit from this enormous outlay. They have an answer to it in the mail delivered at their doors, and they are perfectly satisfied and feel that they get some return for the taxes they contribute toward the maintenance of the government. The farmer of to-day is really a merchant, and he must of necessity come in closer contact with the markets of the world. This can be done by receiving the newspapers, which give the market quotations and assist the farmer in disposing of his product."

"In my opinion the farmer is more entitled to free mail delivery than his brother in the city, because it means so much more for him to drive eight or ten miles to the post office. The city man could get his mail at the post office if the delivery system should be abolished much easier and with less expenditure than the man in the country."

When a boy has a Good Time.

It is a sign, says the Atchison Globe, that a boy on a visit is not enjoying himself if he is afraid to go out in the kitchen.

TO DIS FOR SPANISH GOLD.

Americans in Manila Form a Company to Seek Treasure Buried in Luzon.

A number of Americans at Manila have formed a company to make a systematic search for millions of Spanish treasure, said to have been buried in southern Luzon over a century ago by a Chinese mandarin, Chan Lee Sui. For over 100 years the Filipinos have searched for these riches unsuccessfully.

Recently a Filipino woman claimed

up three Spanish coins, date 1700, near the spot where the mandarin is supposed to have buried his gold.

A soldier bought the coins and as a result of his investigations the present search is to be made.

When the British captured Manila in 1702 Chan Lee Sui endeavored to escape from Calumpit with his jewels and gold to Manila to secure British protection. Before reaching Manila a hostile Spanish force was encountered. His boats were then turned into the Rio Grande river and the mandarin's treasure was buried in a swamp, where it remains.

WEARS CHARMING GOWNS.

Mrs. Edwin Gould Shows Excellent Taste in Her Adornment—Can Wear Most Every Color.

Mrs. Edwin Gould has worn some very handsome gowns this winter. She has excellent taste and is always charming to look upon. She has such a creamy, beautiful complexion that almost every color is becoming to her. One of her latest gowns is of slate-colored broadcloth, trimmed with bias bands of black silk corded with feather-bone. The rows of corded lines, and there is a white cloth vest to the jacket bodice, with a high white collar edged with a band of black velvet ribbon at the top. With this Mrs. Gould wears a turban of black velvet, trimmed with white tulle choux held by ornaments of cut steel and brilliants.

NOT LIKELY TO MOVE BODY.

Belief That the Remains of Robert Louis Stevenson Will Stay in Samoa.

The friends of the late Robert Louis Stevenson do not relish the proposal to bring his remains from Samoa to Scotland. Those who urge their removal point out that Apia has now become German territory and that, if Stevenson could have foreseen this, he would have left other instructions respecting his interment. No doubt, if the transfer were decided upon, the funds would be promptly forthcoming, but the likelihood is that the novelist will continue to lie where he was buried.

Monte Carlo.

The income of the Monte Carlo gaming tables for the past year reached over \$600,000,000.

Venezuelan National Games.

The great national games of Venezuela are chess and checkers.

Largest of Galapagos Islands.

Albemarle Island is the largest of the Galapagos islands. Its area is 1,330 square miles and it has a peak 4,700 feet in height.

FEARS FOR OPERA.

Pietro Mascagni Says Public Is Moved No Longer by Music.

Composer of "Cavalleria Rusticana" Believes the Twentieth Century Will Witness a Separation of Music from Speech.

Pietro Mascagni, the composer of "Cavalleria Rusticana," believes that the twentieth century will witness the funeral of opera. In the New York Journal he writes:

"As to the probable evolution of musical work in the twentieth century, I cannot think of it without a feeling of dread. 'I fear, and I am neither the only one nor the first one to believe it, that music, following the present trend, will slowly end by separating itself entirely from speech. Poetry and music, born twins under the classical sky of Greece of Homer and of Pindar, will break the last knot that has kept them together almost by force until to-day. Each of them will follow the road to which it is destined by its intimate nature—that is, poetry will be the interpreter of all that can be materially expressed by words; music (superior at least in this to its ancient system) will express all that is beyond the reach of words. Hence, opera will dissolve itself into the two elements, music and the drama, and this will be the end. 'But perhaps it will not end, for a worse destiny will be reserved to it. The public (and especially that of the Latin nations, who more than others are attached to the traditions of the opera) which to-day goes to the theater only to feel sensations that can hardly be expressed by words, will not adapt itself to the sole expression by music of the sentiments agitating the human soul. The public has an absolute need of the speech which touches the most latent fibers of the human heart. Then, in the extreme struggle between speech and music, in order to preserve the appearance of opera, speech will have the best of the struggle, and to music will be left the humble task of serving as a simple handmaiden of speech."

"This, then, is my fear: The twentieth century will witness the funeral of the music-drama if there cannot be found some one who has the genius and the strength to wrest it from the fatal current which drags it toward its end."

VALUABLE OLD STAMPS.

Auction Sale of Hunter Collection—Some of the Rare Stamps It Includes.

An auction sale of old stamps, the collection of William Hunter, was held the other night at Assembly hall of the United Charities building, New York. The collection consists of 3,321 stamps, and constitutes the finest lot of postage stamps ever offered at public sale. It is estimated that the amount realized from the sale will exceed \$30,000. Stamps were sold from eight cents to \$350 each. Dr. W. C. Bowers purchased a Baltimore postmaster's stamp at \$350. The most valuable lot in the collection is that marked No. 1,593, a two-cent British Guiana stamp of 1850, which was bought some years ago at the De Coppel sale for \$1,010. Another rare lot is No. 106, a postmaster's stamp of Bratleboro of the issue of 1848.

There are a number of Hawaiian stamps which are exceedingly rare. Two of these, Nos. 2,109 and 2,110, respectively, of the issue of 1851-'52, will probably bring big prices. Almost every country, state or city that has ever issued stamps is represented in the Hunter collection.

Nervous Prostration.

I had nervous trouble for years, which at times completely prostrated me and made life not worth living. I tried many physicians and no end of nerve and other remedies without relief. Mr. M. J. Crews, merchant, May, Iowa, persuaded me to try Morley's Sarsaparilla and Iron. The first bottle went to the right spot. I felt a complete change and now, after using six bottles in all I am perfectly well. Mrs. LITTLE FISHER. For sale by W. M. Bell, Jopka, Ky.

Frank and Tom Blumauer and G. Ver Hodge, all boys in their teens, have been indicted for house-breaking at Middleboro.

An Editor's Life Saved by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

During the early part of October, 1896, I contracted a bad cold which settled on my lungs and was neglected until I feared that consumption had appeared in an incipient state. I was constantly coughing and trying to expel something which I could not. I became alarmed and after giving the local doctor a trial bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the result was immediate improvement, and after I had used three bottles my lungs were restored to their healthy state.—R. S. EDWARDS, Publisher of The Review, Wyant, Ill. For sale by M. Cravens, Columbia, Ky.

The next annual meeting of the Kentucky Press Association will be held at Louisville in midsummer, and a trip will be made to Lake Minnetonka, Minn.

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The Cincinnati Southern Railway refuses to pay the 25 cent free turnpike tax in Grant County.

John Johnson, of Mercer county, killed a pidgeon in which he found a tapeworm over four feet long.

INVENT SUBMARINE LIGHT.

Device of Yale Students Attracts the Attention of Russian Navy Attache.

Capt. W. Baron Fersen, naval attaché of the Russian government, stationed at Washington, has been in New London, Conn., for two days investigating the submarine light which was invented during the Spanish war by F. G. Hall, Jr., and G. E. Burdick, two Yale undergraduates.

Capt. Fersen, who is an expert submarine work, was so pleased with the invention that he told them he would recommend that the Russian government purchase enough of these lights to equip the Russian navy, and ordered one of the lights, which will be shipped to Russia at once. The test of the invention, proves that Hall and Burdick by their invention have proven that air is not necessary to an arc light. This is something that has always been considered absolutely essential. By the use of this light wrecks can be lighted at a depth of 200 feet below the surface of the sea, so that a photograph can be made of a sunken ship. This is the first depth at which divers can work.

Suggestion for Bicyclists.

It is recommended, says the London Chronicle, that to avoid cold hands while cycling these little mitts—a good thing is to rub the inside of gloves with vasoline and then warm them till it thoroughly saturates the leather. Afterward, without being greasy, they will resist the penetration of cold.

More Terrible Than War.

Capt. Sigabee, who was on the Maine when she was blown up but escaped injury, and then went through the war with Spain without receiving a scratch, has been knocked out by a Brooklyn trolley car. Yet people go right on thinking, says the Chicago Times-Herald, that war is terrible.

GOLD MEDAL FOR SWENIE.

Illinois Firemen Honor Chicago's Fire Chief for His Fifty Years of Service.

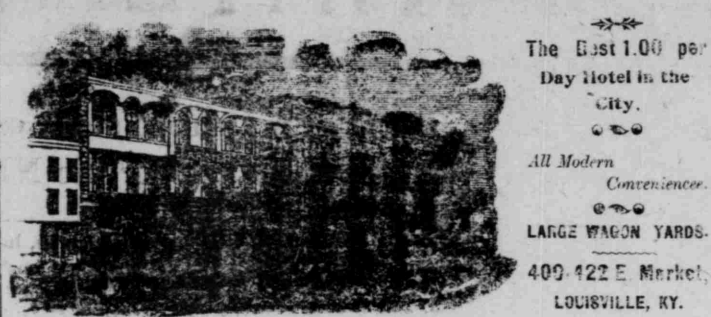
D. J. Swenie, chief of the Chicago fire department, was the other day presented with a gold medal by the Illinois State Firemen's association in annual session in Princeton, Ill. In honor of his completion of 50 years in the fire service.

The presentation speech was made during the afternoon session by E. F. Saymates, of Clinton, the statistician of the association, who paid Chief Swenie high tribute for his long and effective service. Mr. Swenie, in his response, said he was prepared to face anything in the line of duty much better than he was the kind words that had been spoken of him.

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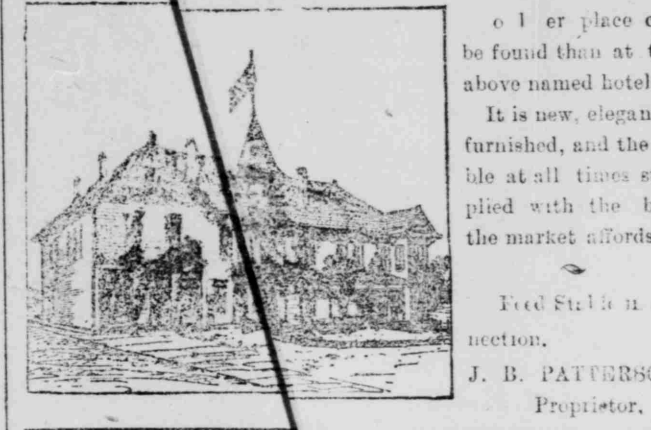
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